



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: CHANG et al..      Docket No.: 372465-1401 (341565)  
Serial No.: 10/669,496      Art Unit: 2825  
Filed: September 23, 2003      Examiner: Siek, Vuthe  
For: **METHOD FOR FASTER TIMING CLOSURE AND BETTER  
QUALITY OF RESULTS IN IC PHYSICAL DESIGN**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136**

For the above-referenced application, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for one (1) month to extend the time to August 8, 2005 (as August 6 is a Saturday) for responding to the Office Action dated April 6 2005. Please pay the fee for the extension of time in the amount of \$60 from our Deposit Account, Number 50-2778. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the same Deposit account to make up any deficiency or to credit any overpayment.


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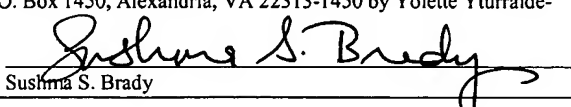
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